CRF works

The Tamil Nadu Government had forwarded in June 1990, 577 schemes costing Rs. 392.90 crores under their CRF programme for 8th Plan period. These scheme could not be processed for approval as actual augmentation of CRF in accordance with the Revised Resolution passed by Parliament on 13-5-88, has not taken place so far. As soon as actual augmentation takes place, the schemes will be processed for approval taking into account *inter-se* priorities and available of funds etc.

Decalaration of National Highways

The State Government had recommended in August, 1991 declaration of 16 roads totalling 3355 Km. as new National Highways in 8th Plan. Decision on these can be taken only after the finalisation provisions, availability of funds etc.

E & I Loan Assistance programme

The State Government had sent in September 1991, 13 road/bridge Projects for Central Loan Assistance under the E & I Assistance programme. The decision about approving these projects can be taken only after finalisation of the 8th Plan be the Planning Commission when the outlay for E & I Programme becomes known.

Amendment to Motor Vehicle Act for Movement of Foodgrains

1124. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that strict enforcement of the Motor Vehicles Act is creating problems for movement of foodgrain as the truck operators are refusing to carry loads beyond the permitted load of nine tonnes;

(b) whether the Department of Civil Supplies have approached his Ministry for amendment to the Motor Vehicles Act for allowing truck operators to carry foodgrains load upto 12 tonnes; and

(c) if so, whether Government have examined the proposal and by when the Motor Vehicles Act is likely to be amended?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFANCE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Diversion of National Highway No. 37

1125. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to divert the National Highway No. 37 from the Kaziranga National Park;

(b) if so, what is the alignment of the diversion;

(c) whether Government have sanctioned the requisite funds for the diversion; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFANCE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The project is in the investigation stage. A sum of Rs. 5.60 lakhs has been sanctioned for carrying out prefeasibility study for determining alternative alignment.

Amendment to Motor Vehicles Act

1126. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a High-Powered Review Committee has recommended for comprehensive amendment to the Motor Vehicles Act 1988 and the Central Motor Vehicles Rules 1989 and

the same have been endorsed by the Transport Development Council;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for delay in implementation of these recommendations and

(c) by when these recommendations are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The recommendations of the Review Committee have been endorsed by the Transport Development Council in its meeting held on 14th January, 1992. The Government have initiated necessary action for amendment of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 to implement these recommendations. At this stage no definite time frame can be indicated as to when the Bill will be passed.

Roads in Tamil Nadu

1127. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the roads taken over as National Highways in Tamil Nadu upto 1990 alongwith distance thereof;

(b) the roads for which the State Government has requested the Central Government for being taken over under National Highways upto 1991 alongwith distance;

(c) whether the Asian Development Bank has given any grant to Tamil Nadu Highways Research Institute and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Asian Development Bank had agreed to give loan to the Tamil Nadu Government to maintain its roads and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The list of National Highways in Tamil Nadu at the end of 1990 alongwith length in the State is at statement-I. (*See* below)

(a) During 1991, the State Government had requested 16 roads to be declared as new National Highways vide details in statement-II (*See below*)

(c) No, Sir. However, Asian Development Bank had provided a technical assistance grant to the States of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh for development of a Pavement Management System through a foreign consultant. The study has been nearly completed.

(d) No, Sir. However, a loan assistance of about US $25 million has been provided by the Asian Development Bank to Tamil Nadu Government for improvement of Madras-Cuddalore Section (about 160 Kms) of East Coast Road, under the First Highway Loan. The work is in progress.

Statement—I

NH. No.	Route	Length in Tamil Nadu (Kms)
1	2	3
4.	Thane Pune—Belgaum—Hubli—Bangalore Ranipet—Madras	123
5.	Baharagora-Cuttack—Bhubaneswar—Vishakhapatnam—Vijayawada—Madras	45
7.	Varanasi—Rewa—Jabalpur—Lakhnadon—Nagpur—Hyderabad—Kurnool—Bangalore—Krishnagiri—Salem—Dindigul—Madurai—Kanyakumari	627
7-A.	Palayankottai—Tuticorin Port	51
45.	Madras—Tiruchirapalli—Dindigul	387